

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 51 without my signature.

This bill is nearly identical to a bill I vetoed last year because it was unnecessary. I am not aware of any compelling evidence that would warrant the extensive reporting requirements from every apprentice program that are called for in this bill. As I noted in my previous veto message, all apprenticeship programs currently undergo an approval and oversight process through the Division of Apprenticeship Standards to ensure that these programs function effectively.

Furthermore, I recently signed legislation which provided major new investments in the state's vocational education system. Assembly Bill 51 has the potential to limit apprenticeship opportunities for young Californians, which is contrary to the bipartisan efforts to expand the vocational education system.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger